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Port Security	
boarded by approximately 15 customs officials and guards. The ship was searched and the radio, binoculars, cameras, etc were secured. The search lasted for approximately three hours.	25
A guard was stationed at the gangway at all times. When going ashore the crevmembers were checked for passes at three separate points, at the gangway, at reference Point No 10, and also at the customs station, which is shown on H 0 Chart 4197.	
Dock and Loading Facilities	
berthed at three different places to load her cargo. She first berthed at reference Point No 4, where she loaded 100 tons of sugar. The vessel then moved to Point No 5 and loaded only to a draft of 21 feet, due to the depth of water alongside this pier. The ship completed loading at Point No 6.	25
two of the three electric cranes located at Point No one crane was used in locating the ship while moored here. The ship's gear was used for loading at the other berths.	25 25
While berthed at Points No 4 and 5, the cargo was brought along the docks in open railway cars pulled by an old steam locomotive. While at Point No 6 the cargo was brought to the ship in trucks. the cargo was brought to his ship from a warehouse believed to be located just east of Point No 10.	25 25
The piers were well lighted at night. The Officer said that the lights in the dock area were much better than the lights in the town proper. On 24 hours daily. The longshoremen worked eight-hour shifts, good workers.	25 25
Merchant Ships Prosent	
the Polish vessel Kosciuszko was borthed at Point No 7 unloading a locomotive when his vessel first berthed in Constants.	25
this locomotive to be seven or eight today general cargo for China. shifted berth to Point No B and was observed loading general cargo for China.	_ 2
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The area extending forward from the dock at which first berthed was described as a restricted area. This area is shown on Enclosure (A) as Point No 117 No members of the crew were allowed in this area. Point No 3 is as Point No 117 No members of the crew were allowed in this area.	2
as Point No ll. / No members of the grew were distance in the six thousand to the ship repair facility in the port. Leven thousand ton Soviet ship undergoing repairs in this area. There were two other vessels in this repair area estimated to be three thousand to four thousand tons, but their nationality was not known.	2
Naval Craft	
eight small patrol craft tied up in the floating dock besin. No guns were seen on any of these crafts. When first berthed at Point No 4, a patrol craft, approximately 175-200 feet first berthed at Point No 4, a patrol craft, approximately 175-200 feet	2! 2!
first berthed at Point No 4, a patrol craft, approximately and a forward of in length, tied up astern. This craft, which had a small gun mounted forward of the bridge, moored at this dock during the entire time the Nino Bixio was in port.	۷.
there were four destroyers tied up at Point No 12 and estimated them to be about 900 tons. they had two or more stacks. These destroyers remained at this berth	25 25 25
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	Provisions Obtained
	obtained forty tons of water and also fresh provisions while in port. /The bill of lading for these provisions is attached as Enclosure (B).
	coal or oil, permission must be received from Bucharest and that the takes at least three days.
	Military Information
	Many soldiers were observed in the dock and town areas. They were grey uniforms with red stars on their collars and on their hats. Two Soviet officers were seen in the dock area. They appeared to be inspecting this area.
	No aircraft were observed at any time
	General Information
	Oldpre-World War II buses were used for public transportation in the city of Constanta. The only private automobiles seen were a fer or soviet make. They were believed to be for the use of government officials.
	The Casino which is listed on H O Chart 4197 is open on Saturday and Sunday nights, and the crew members were able to visit there. Liquor, dancing, and a reading room were available to the crew at this Casino.
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